

Dear Karen E. Mouritsen,

I am writing to you to express my deep concern and sadness over the Bureau of Land Management's decision to open an internet-based lease-sale for 1,622.11 acres of land in Wayne National Forest for fracking purposes.

Wayne is Ohio's *one and only* national forest and it is imperative that our government works to protect it, NOT auction it off to fracking companies who care only about the money that that land can provide for them.

I have no doubt that you are aware of the numerous environmental impacts that fracking has had both in the US and elsewhere. Leaching of toxic chemicals, poisoned ground water, dead zones, increased risk of earthquakes in the area, high greenhouse gas emissions, huge inputs of water for operation, the list goes on and on. With the significant (and credible and well-documented) health and environmental risks posed by fracking, it amazes me that the national government is allowing and even encouraging fracking to continue across the US.

I was born and raised in Cincinnati, OH and I care deeply about my state and the people in it – so much so that I am sending this letter of protest all the way from my current home in France.

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